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CASCADE STUDENT WINS HOLIDAY CARD CONTEST

BOISE – Megan Conner, a first-grade student at Cascade Elementary School in Cascade, was named the winner of the 2009 Holiday Card Contest, Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Luna announced today.

"The annual Holiday Card Contest is a great way for us as a state to celebrate the importance of arts in education," Superintendent Luna said. "The hundreds of entries we received this year demonstrated the talent and creativity of students across Idaho."

Conner's colorful drawing of an angel surrounded by twinkling stars will be featured on the State Department of Education's holiday greeting cards this year that are sent to schools, districts and others across the state. She will also receive a certificate and copies of the greeting card to share with her friends and family members.

Superintendent Luna also awarded grade-level winners across the state:

Kindergarten: Silas Elsberry, Orchards Elementary School, Lewiston

1st grade: Megan Conner, Cascade Elementary School, Cascade

2nd grade: Sage Schleicher of Centennial Elementary School in Lewiston and Makala Mack of Cascade Elementary School in Cascade tied

3rd grade: Morgan Goodson, Centennial Elementary School, Lewiston

4th grade: Kinley Pederson, McSorley Elementary School, Lewiston

5th grade: Marissa Harding, Centennial Elementary School, Lewiston

6th grade: Sarah Seubert, Prairie Middle School, Cottonwood

Congratulations to all the winners! Each student will receive a certificate of recognition. The grand prize winner's drawing is posted online at http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/media_center/.

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